

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet 1/6" of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. The attached "Replacement Sheet 1/6," which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet 1/6 including Figure1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 1/6

REMARKS

Claims 3-9, 12, 20 and 21 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 13-19 have been cancelled, without prejudice; claims 3-6 and 12 have been amended; and new claims 20 and 21 have been added. The basis for the foregoing amendments may be found throughout the written description, drawings and claims as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities – namely, reference numeral 14 refers to a pinion (at page 5, line 9) and to notches or grooves (at page 5, line 22).

Applicant has amended the specification to overcome the Examiner's objection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to because the reference numeral 14 has been used to designate both a pinion (FIG. 1) and notches (FIG. 2).

Applicant has amended FIG. 1 and attached revised drawing sheet no. 1/6 showing the amended figure. Applicant has amended FIG. 1 by changing reference numeral "14" to "13", consistent with the foregoing amendments to the specification.

The Examiner's approval of the drawing amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has determined that claims 6-9 and 12 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 12, which are now presented as independent claims, including the limitations of the claim(s) from which they formerly depended. Also, claims 3-5 have been amended, and now all depend from allowable claim 6. Similarly, previously presented claims 7-9 and new claims 20 and 21, also depend from allowable claim 6.

Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that claims 3-9, 12, 20 and 21 are all patentable and in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 1-5, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Royse (WO 01/06934); claims 1-3, 6 [sic], 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daniel (U.S. Patent No. 5,297,538); claims 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lavahn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,949,707); claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ray et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,000,163); and claims 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ray et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,000,163) in view of LeVahn et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,949,707).

These rejections are respectfully traversed as having been rendered moot or overcome in view of the foregoing claim amendments. Claims 1, 2 and 13-19 have been cancelled, without prejudice; and claims 3-5 have been amended to change their

respective dependencies to allowable claim 6. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 2

Claim 2 stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has cancelled claim 2, thereby rendering the Examiner's objection moot. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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